

What is claimed is:

1. A template displaying method comprising the steps  
of:

5 reading a user image and a plurality of templates each  
having an image insertion area for inserting the user image  
therein;

inserting the user image in the image insertion area  
of each of the templates and generating a catalog of the  
templates each having the user image therein; and

10 displaying the catalog.

2. A template displaying method as defined in Claim  
1, wherein the user image is a user image having a resolution  
lower than a resolution of an original user image.

15 3. A template displaying method as defined in Claim  
1, wherein the templates are templates having a resolution  
lower than a resolution of original templates.

4. A template displaying method as defined in Claim  
2, wherein the templates are templates having a resolution  
lower than a resolution of original templates.

20 5. A template displaying method as defined in any one  
of Claims 1 to 4, further comprising the steps of:

reading another user image different from the user  
image; and

25 generating the catalog of the templates by inserting  
the newly read user image into the image insertion area of  
each of the templates instead of the user image.

6. A template displaying method comprising the steps  
of:

reading a plurality of user images and a template having  
an image insertion area for displaying the user images  
therein;

generating templates having the user images therein  
by inserting the respective user images in the image insertion  
area of the template while generating a catalog of the  
templates having the user images; and

displaying the catalog.

7. A template displaying method as defined in Claim  
6, wherein the user images are user images having a resolution  
lower than a resolution of original user images.

8. A template displaying method as defined in Claim  
6, wherein the template is a template having a resolution  
lower than a resolution of an original template.

9. A template displaying method as defined in Claim  
7, wherein the template is a template having a resolution  
lower than a resolution of an original template.

10. A template displaying method as defined in any  
one of Claims 6 to 9, further comprising the steps of:

reading another template different from the template;  
and

generating a catalog of templates by inserting the  
respective user images into an insertion area of the newly  
read template instead of the template.

11. A template displaying apparatus comprising:  
reading means for reading a user image and a plurality  
of templates each having an image insertion area for inserting  
the user image therein;

5 catalog generating means for generating a catalog of  
the templates by inserting the user image in the image  
insertion area of each of the templates; and

display means for displaying the catalog.

10 12. A template displaying apparatus as defined in  
Claim 11, wherein,

in the case where the reading means reads another user  
image different from the user image, the catalog generating  
means generates the catalog of the templates by inserting  
the newly read user image in the image insertion area of  
each of the templates instead of the user image.

15 13. A template displaying apparatus comprising:  
reading means for reading a plurality of user images  
and a template having an image insertion area for displaying  
the user images therein;

20 catalog generating means for generating templates  
having the user images therein by inserting the respective  
user images in the image insertion area of the template and  
for generating a catalog of the templates having the user  
images; and

25 display means for displaying the catalog.

14. A template displaying apparatus as defined in

Claim 13, wherein,

in the case where the reading means reads another template different from the template, the catalog generating means generates a catalog of templates by inserting the respective user images in an image insertion area of the newly read template instead of the template.

15. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute a template displaying method, the program comprising the procedures of:

reading a user image and a plurality of templates each having an image insertion area for inserting the user image therein;

inserting the user image in the image insertion area of each of the templates and generating a catalog of the templates each having the user image therein; and

displaying the catalog.

16. A computer-readable recording medium as defined in Claim 15, the program further comprising the procedures of:

reading another user image different from the user image; and

generating the catalog of the templates by inserting the newly read user image into the image insertion area of each of the templates instead of the user image.

17. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute a template displaying

method, the program comprising the procedures of:

reading a plurality of user images and a template having  
an image insertion area for displaying the user images  
therein;

5 generating templates having the user images therein  
by inserting the respective user images in the image insertion  
area of the template while generating a catalog of the  
templates having the user images; and

displaying the catalog.

10 18. A computer-readable recording medium as defined  
in Claim 17, the program further comprising the procedures  
of:

reading another template different from the template;  
and

15 generating a catalog of templates by inserting the  
respective user images into an insertion area of the newly  
read template instead of the template.